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LB 214

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, we have that in another bill and that will be coming up as a priority bill.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay.

SENATOR HEFNER: Trust me, John.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I know.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Are there any other lights on? I don't want to speak either.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 214. Please record your vote. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 214. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted and the Chair recognizes Senator Hefner on the bill.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this bill, LB 214, was drafted using recommendations from our committee's interim study. We had this study on PACs, lobbying, campaign, finances and this was contained in LR 264 and LR 303. The bill as originally introduced contained three main parts. That part dealing with lobbyists disclosure of coalition is removed from the bill with the committee amendment which we just adopted. Now LB 214 allows PACs established by an industry, trade or professional association but not any corporation or labor organization to pay their own administrative costs using funds from their independent committee's separate segregated political funds. As has been the case, the cost of an administrator or a part time administrator working with these PAC groups would have to receive their compensation from the organization itself. This will allow them to charge this portion of their expenses to the PAC that has been established. The bill as originally introduced exempted County Planning Commission members from filing statements of financial interest. Committee amendments exempt Planning Commission members and counties having less than a 100,000 inhabitants and I think there will be others that would like to address this section of the bill. I move the advancement of the bill.